

## CIA's Policy Making Should Be Abolished

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A story the concerned citizen will want to know about is contained in an article by Cabell Phillips (New York Times, Sunday edition, page 1, June 18), under the caption, Right-Wing Officers Worrying the Pentagon. Here is disclosed to the general public perhaps for the first time, that the National Security Council, 1958, decided secretly upon the "Mobilization of all Arms of Government — military, diplomatic, civilian — in the 'Cold War' struggle." Apparently the disclosure at this time is the result of a newspaper report that Major General Edwin A. Walker, the 24th Division, was telling his troops, along the John Birch Society line, that Eleanor Roosevelt and Dean Acheson were "definitely pink" and Walter Lippmann, Edward R. Murrow and Eric Sevareid "confirmed Communists."

How many other officers, men and civilians in the military establishment (under this new National Security Council policy) are advancing similar views will never be known, except in the unlikely event of a congressional investigation of these activities. However, in the same article Mr. Phillips reports the wide

use earlier of the film "Communism on the Map," especially in the state of Washington, by the military. In this film Franklin D. Roosevelt is given the responsibility for the advance of communism earlier, for having recognized the Soviet Union, 1933, and General of the Army George C. Marshall is credited with the Communist takeover of China, 1949.

It would be surprising if the Pentagon civilian heads were not "worrying" about the course events have taken, but it is even more surprising that they did not anticipate these dangerous results. The military is an authoritarian organization. The views of military leaders are not subject to question by their subordinates. This is proper and necessary, but political and social questions must be questioned, must be debated. It was for this reason that our leaders until quite recently have, and wisely so, limited active duty military personnel to the handling of matters pertaining to their chosen profession.

The policy-making and Mafia-like activities of the CIA and the political and propaganda activities of the military are inconsistent and incompatible with the free society. Unless these activities are abolished, and soon, this nation will, also, join in the opinion of this writer, the rapidly increasing ranks of the garrison state.

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